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Ecclesiasticus 31:25–31

Wine: Pros & Cons

25 Shew not thy
valiantness in
wine,
for wine hath
destroyed many.
26 The furnace
proveth the
edge by dipping:
so doth wine
the hearts of
the proud

by drunkenness.
27 Wine is as
good as life to a
man
if it be drunk
moderately:
what life is
then to a man
that is
without wine?
for it was

made to make
men glad.
28 Wine
measurably
drunk, and in
season, bringeth
gladness of the
heart and
cheerfulness
of the mind.
29 But wine

drunken with excess, maketh bitterness of the mind, with brawling and quarreling.
30 Drunkenness increaseth the rage of a fool till he offend, it diminisheth

strength, and maketh wounds.
31 Rebuke not thy neighbor at the wine, and despise him not in his mirth: give him no despiteful words, and press not upon

him with urging
him (to drink.)

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Don’t be conceited in the fact that you can drink or about how much you can drink. Alcohol consumption should not be your best feature; your strong point. Alcohol shouldn’t be something

you're proud of because alcohol (wine) has destroyed many lives.

Just as a boiling pot's contents spill over the edge so does intoxication show off pride.

Wine is fine, even great, as long as it is handled with moderation.
It could actually be a good thing and bring joy to life. In a safe quantity and at the right times, wine can feel as life itself.

Excessive drinking, however, badly affects the mind and creates chaotic situations such as “brawling and quarrelling”. Alcohol usage also intensifies anger even to the point

of rage and offensiveness. Further, it weakens and harms relationships.

Still, it's best not to neither rebuke a drunkard nor encourage any to drink (according to

the KJV).

The Great Bible makes no mention of not encouraging one to drink. Twice, though it advises to not degrade heavy drinkers:

*Rebuke not thy neyghboure at the wyne, ād despyse him not in his myrth. Geue hym no despytefull wordes, and preasse not vpō hym with contrary sayenges.

Rebuke not thy neighbor at the wine, and despise him not in his mirth. Give him ***no despiteful words****, and press not upon him with* ***contrary***

sayings.

Thoughts:
Some things are acceptable when simply done in moderation. The problem is that not everyone can practice self-discipline well

enough to moderate their own appetites. While there are some who have efficient management of their desires, there are others who have what is termed

“addictive personalities” and they must altogether abstain from certain things. There are also those who pretend to not drink alcohol but secretly do

so while all
along berating
those who
openly drink or
who have
problems
“managing”
alcohol
consumption.

This scriptural

passage seems to try to put it all in perspective by offering liberty with logic. It tells of both the pros as well as the cons of intoxicating beverages and guides in

understanding even greater principles with regard to symmetry which can be applied to “wine” as well as any indulgence.

Moderation is a fundamental

biblical principle
for godly living.

Here are other
verses to support
healthy,
balanced
lifestyles:

1 Corinthians 6:12
Ephesians 5:18
Proverbs 20:1

Galatians 5:13
1 Peter 5:8
Philippians 4:5
1 Timothy 5:23
Romans 14:21

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